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Trial Mobilization

1. In the middle of August 1953, a trial mobilization took place in Nevrokop and vicinity. Five thousand men of various age groups were called into the Army on 24-hour notice and as of 5 September 1953 they had not been released. In the Petrich area only Communists and those trusted by the Communists were called. The men were given training in new weapons at Sveti Vrach.

Fortifications

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2. No new fortifications have been constructed in the Levunovo (N 41-29, E 23-18) area. The old fortifications, running from Skalata hill (N 41-29-30, E 23-16-30) to Sveti Iliya Church (N 41-31-00, E 23-22-00), are kept in good repair and are inspected every other day.¹ The trenches are equipped with machine gun emplacements reinforced with lumber.

Border Guard Barracks

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3. New Border Guard barracks have been built in Igralishta (N 41-34-00, E 23-07-30).

Night Militia Patrols

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4. Every night, Militiamen patrol the area between Danyanitsa (N 41-30-30, E 23-16-00), Delchevo (N 41-30-00, E 23-17-30), and General Todorovo (N 41-27-30, E 23-16-30). It is rumored that these are anti-guerilla measures.

Troops in Melnik

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5. During the summer, troops are stationed between Melnik (N 41-31-30, E 23-23-30) and Popina Luka (N 41-40-00, E 23-24-00). It is rumored that these are anti-guerilla measures.

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New Landing Strip at Petrich

6. There is a newly-built landing strip north of Petrich and just south of the villages of Mikhnevo and Kurnalovo, at point N 41-27-30, E 23-13-00. The landing strip is two or three kilometers square. No planes, soldiers, or barracks were observed. The old landing strip, to the east of the new one at approximately N 41-27-30, E 23-14-30, has been abandoned and is under cultivation.

Border Guard Zastavas Near Petrich

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7. There is a Border Guard zastava below Petrich at N 41-22-30, E 23-13-00. The zastava consists of a stone building and 10 large tents. The tents have a capacity of about 15 men each. Approximately 20 to 30 meters from the zastava, in the woods, there are two other buildings.
8. Another Border Guard zastava is located at N 41-20-30, E 23-11-20.

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Comment: Coordinates given are taken from the 1:25,000 map series published by the Bulgarian National Geographic Institute of the Ministry of War in 1936. The fortifications can be seen on this map.

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